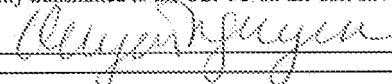


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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed April 17, 2007 in the above-identified United States Patent Application, for which a response is due July 17, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination and the appropriate fee. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.